



**Arizona Department of Health Services
Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs
Integrated Services Grant**



ISG – Young Adult Transition

August 24, 2006

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Rebecca Burch, Jay Dashefsky (via phone); George Garcia, Martha Garcia, Katie Griffith (via phone); Tim Hults (via phone); Odell Joshua; Janette Maldonado (*double check attendee list*)

MEETING ITEM	SPEAKER	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS
Call to Order and Introductions	George Garcia, Chairman	George called the meeting to order, followed by introductions. On the phone: Tim Hults, ISG Young Adult Consultant; SWI Youth Leader Katie Griffith, ISG Young Adult Consultant; SWI Youth Leader Jay Dashefsky, ISG Young Adult Transition Committee Co-Chairman; Youth Leader –SWI Rebecca Burch, Arizona Governor’s Council on Spinal and Head Injuries	
		The committee was told that George and Jay will help formalize the meeting agendas.	
Review and Accept 7-20-06 Meeting Minutes	Group	Minutes reviewed. Page 1 – correction on Beverly’s ADHS email address. Email address is plonskb@azdhs.gov . Minutes accepted with noted correction. It was suggested that if possible that the minutes are sent out to everyone prior to the meeting. A question was raised asking for a little more information about a youth group that works on legislative topics that Debbie Gilmer mentioned.	
AZ Department of Education Youth Empowerment Initiative		Theresa Armstrong, from the Arizona Department of Education will no longer be attending our committee. Cynthia Bryant will be taking her place. Cynthia forwarded the following information about the up coming 6 th Annual Transition Conference that will take place on September 18 th and 19 th . The brochures are not out yet. 10 scholarship awards of \$80 for the cost of registration only. Four out of town awards for \$175 to cover cost of registration and one night at the hotel. The awards will be provided on a first come first serve basis. Scholarships requested for registration must be made through a contact person at the Arizona Department of	

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		Education. The contact is Jeanette Zemeida at 602-542-3855.	
Summit (Spring 2007) – Budget	Cynthia Layne Group	<p>Cynthia, the OCSHCN Chief Financial Officer provided some information on what the state is able to pay and some criteria around meals. We can't go over the regular per diem. \$7.00 for breakfast and \$7.50 for lunch and they need to be a working meal. The state does not cover snacks. Breakfast sometimes have been networking sessions, and lunch is ultimately a working lunch, dinner is something you would want to try and find a sponsor for because that is not covered under the federal funds. The state can not collect money. If a cost for registration was going to be considered, we would have find out how we would go about doing that.</p> <p>The state would not be able to cover the evening social. A sponsor would need to cover this event such as a vendor like Hangar or Western Medical for example.</p> <p>A sponsor like the Dairy Council could possibility cover a snack break.</p> <p>Regarding speakers. It would be nice to get them for free. The state can pay travel and per diem—there is process we would have to go through for ADHS to sponsor a speaker.</p> <p>Maybe Debbie or Patti would be able to help us in the sense of what speakers might be out there on the national level that we could use, to pay or pay their travel, etc. Getting Patti and Debbie on board to talk about what is at the federal level will be really helpful once you all figure out where the sessions will be and the focus of what you want them to be.</p>	
Reimbursement for Youth Consultants	Group	There was some discussion on submitting invoices. The new hourly reimbursement rate is \$15.00 per hour. The Youth Consultants keep track of their hours and submit their invoice with the number of hours being claimed. Cynthia will have the electronic version of the invoice and other information e-mailed out to the Youth Consultants.	
Summit (Spring 2007) Session/Break-out Session Topics	Group	Discussion on possible event location. Beverly reported on the Phoenix Airport Marriott. April 21 st is not available. April 28 th is available. They provide 2 sections of the ballroom which would allow for about 200 people. That ballroom could be divided into 2 rooms and then they have additional rooms. The general sessions can be in the ballroom and then 3 breakout sessions available to us for the day. She gave the cost of \$3,000 for the room and once food is established, that price goes down. Additional discussion was held on the bathroom accommodations.	

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		<p>It was felt that their bathrooms may not be able to accommodate certain size wheelchairs.</p> <p>Rebecca will report back on the conference location for the Spinal Cord Injury Conference.</p> <p>Discussion took place on the possible format for a networking breakfast and lunch and other day sessions. Jay shared that he was involved in a few networking lunches that involved people sharing ideas and observations on the breakout sessions that they attended or sharing ideas on how to make the event better. Possible general and/or breakout sessions were mentioned. Ashleigh talked about a video called <i>Right to Risk</i>. The video journeys the rafting of the Colorado River with groups of people that have disabilities. This video is about two hours but Ashleigh believes there will be shorter versions available. Tim mentioned a program from the Phoenix Parks and Rec called Daring Adventures.</p> <p>Odell mentioned that the event will be for all youth with a wide range of disabilities and that the general sessions may not want to be specific to one disability and that maybe the video mentioned might best be a breakout session. It was also suggested that the format should include interaction activities, such as story telling of various interest topics, such as emotional disability, and/or a physical disability so that we do not lull people into a level of relaxation whereby they get sleepy.</p> <p>Beverly reminded everyone that one of things we are going to have to do is tie the Summit back to the ISG. That it would be beneficial to give information back to the grant. We want people to be informed because the purpose of the grant is what we need to be doing to make positive system changes.</p>	
		<p>The following are the list of topics from the last meeting. Possible Summit topics. People are to look over the list and decide the priority topics for the Summit to be discussed at the September meeting for a consensus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Transportation *Employment-advancing promotions *Student-led *Higher education – yes you can *Housing-socialserve.com *Legislative Policy and voting 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Self advocacy *Entrepreneurship *Social Life *Peer Support *Leadership *Appropriate medical care/attendant care *Service systems *Independent living and life skills *Americorps – national volunteer programs (www.americorps.gov) 	
	Group	<p>Discussion on the time table for the day, start early versus later in the morning, Length of sessions-50 minute sessions.</p> <p>Discussion took place on the target audience (youth, professionals who work with the youth, academic schools and trade schools) and how to get the word out.</p> <p>Walk-a-way messages: Information. A smile. What are the barriers? How the system works and how you get around it---within the same discussion, you would talk about how it does NOT work.</p> <p>Discussion of summit versus conference. Summits are meeting of the minds, talking about the issues. A conference is a package of receiving information.</p>	
Items from the Floor	Group	<p>Consensus to change committee meeting time to: 2 pm to 4pm.</p> <p>Rebecca- I am moving into a different job but I want to stay with this committee. I will provide you and Pam with a new email address.</p> <p>Jay - Around October 2nd, I am going to be the District Liaison for Maricopa County for the Governor. I was just notified. It is a part time job. It will start when the fiscal year ends and I was told that it would be October 2nd</p> <p>George's new email address: george_85339@yahoo.com</p>	
Next Meetings/Adjourn		<p>September 28, 2006 2pm – 4pm ADHS Bldg.-Room 345A</p> <p>October 26, 2006 2pm- 4pm ADHS Bldg. - Room 345A</p>	